

Vandergrift Heights, Johnstown church,	2 25 8 50
Amount for January, Previously reported,	\$40 00 \$252 31
Total to February,	\$292 31

All persons please take notice that all contributions except conference pledges are to be paid direct to me and not to J. H. Knepper. This is too small for a month's contributions. We must do better next month (February I mean) and it is only a short month. Wake up, brethren. Who will be the next? I will receipt all moneys thru the B. E. only unless postage accompanies the amount.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Care Incline, Johnstown, Pa.

#### Chicago Letter

The present extreme cold weather, has brought much suffering to the city's many poor, which our fortunate country brethren and sisters can never understand. The sisters are busy preparing suitable wearing apparel for needy children, producing shapely and comfortable garments out of the clothing friends have kindly sent in for such relief. Amazing as it may seem, that notwithstanding the much boasted organized charity of the Catholic church, there is more suffering among that class than any other. They do not help their poor, as do many other religious bodies. Their charity seems mainly in the line of raising money with which to support the many big church edifices, nunneries, private schools, seminaries, orphanages, infirmaries, etc. Tho they will take the children of the needy, and place them in their institutions, but fathers and mothers who have a human sentiment in their souls are loath to permit their little ones to be taken away from them and be nurtured by nuns and priests. There is a natural law, which seems to be founded in the divine love, that every home is an altar, and every father and mother are priests, who should offer thereon the sacrifice. And notwithstanding the church may have placed that precious prerogative in the hands of a not too conscientious priesthood, the true parental heart goes on making the daily sacrifice on the home altar, and many discouraged mothers, offer their life blood for their children. There is no disguising the fact, that many, indeed a very large percent, of the indignant families, are brought to want and grief thru drink. It is the curse of the city. Men and women both drink. Make their children carry the stinking beer pail. And while I do not wish to seem to place this at the door of the Roman Catholic church, yet it is a fact, that the poor of that church do not seem to think it *wrong* to drink. Do their priests encourage it? Do they discourage it? No. What do they do? Collect parish dues, and pronounce absolution to those who confess and pay. God help them. While many poor people tell us that the priests will not do any thing for them when they are unfortunate and come to want; no not even so much as to help them bury their dead, unless they can pay them for their services, yet those families knowing that by

bitter experience, are loath to even be seen in a protestant meeting. They will take help from us, but it is next to impossible to get them to attend our services or to allow their children to do so. Even when too poor to attend their own services, they are so dyed in *Romanism* that they distrust the hand that helps them. May God open their eyes.

The recent expressions of Prof. Pearson, a Prof. in the North-Western University, a Methodist Institution, has created a stir among people of that denomination. Denying the miraculous birth of the Lord, and the miracles of the Old and New Testament, he yet wishes to pose as a good Methodist. If the shades of the saintly John Wesley hover over that noted place of Christian learning, as is supposed, the Prof. will see ghosts before he is thru with his reckoning. With Prof. Pearson denying the divinity of the Lord, and President Harper of the Chicago University, accusing the Christian world of worshipping a "Jewish Christ" (see editorial Biblical World, February) whose institutions, sacraments, ordinances, etc., were to pass away with the passing conditions and environments, of two thousand years ago, we have indeed a medly. Take the miracles out of the Bible to please Prof. Pearson, and then take the Sacraments out to please President Harper, one would be at a loss in whose name to plead "redemption" for the ungodly, and salvation from sin, of the sinner. But still godly men and women are to be found, who are simply preaching "the crucified Jesus," as the Son of God, the hope of the world, and magnifying the power of his doctrine, sacraments, and ordinances in their own salvation, consecration, and self sacrificing labors. Thus it will ever be. Unbelief in high places is no less a sin, than when found in the slums. John 16:9.

The women of the Mission have called a meeting for Friday at 3 P. M. looking to the organization of a S. S. C. E. More next week.

The Sunday school is growing in interest and spirituality, and is beginning to be felt as a decided help, both materially and spiritually.

Our mid week meetings, witness a growth in attendance, and in interest in the study of the Bible, which is most gratifying. Some of our brethren are making the Word their *daily study*, and such the Lord will use here to his glory.

We can make good use of more clothing, and such things as can be made use of for the poor.

#### MONEY.

Our secretary writes me that "there is no money coming in." Now brethren this is not as it should be. Will not our ministers see to it that the needs of our missions are laid before their congregations, regularly, and with due emphasis. We would be more outspoken, but have desisted, lest our friends should think, we are pleading in self interest. But the work is yours; the enterprise is of

God's people. We are servants with yourselves, in the vineyard of the Lord, if success crowns the efforts of those you have called to your ministry in the mission fields, it is the success of the Church of the Living God with which we stand identified, and which we love. God is good. The larders of his people are full, even tho that of some of his missionaries be empty. Make missions a subject of Bible study and prayer. May God bless and enrich you all.

J. O. TALLEY.

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## Among the Churches

#### Millford, Ind.

It affords me much pleasure to let the sister churches know thru the EVANGELIST that the Millford church still continues to prosper and its members are earnestly striving for the uplifting of the great cause. We just recently closed a series of meetings which were conducted by our pastor Miller. We had large crowds and much interest was taken. Altho there were none added to the church yet much good was done. We will still continue to pray that the day will soon dawn when all may know the Savior and choose a higher and nobler life to live than that of a sinner. We only have preaching every two weeks, and Sunday school every Sunday in which our aim is to instruct the younger ones to live a pure and righteous life for it will not be long until they too will be called to go out into the world and proclaim the gospel of Christ.

Brother Rench preached for us last Saturday and Sunday. The services were enjoyed very much. He and his wife will always be welcomed by the people at this place and we enjoy having them in our midst. Brother Rench has done so much for this church that we will never cease to remember his good works.

We still continue to have our weekly prayer meetings. We consider it a great profit to assemble together and hear our brother and sister testify as to the blessings their Savior is constantly bestowing upon them.

My Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Hattie Graves, entertained her class of young ladies at her home on last Wednesday evening. The evening was delightfully spent.

We at this place have pledged ourselves to do more work for our Master during the year 1902 than ever before. We desire the prayers of all Christian people that we may prove successful in our future undertakings for the Lord.

ETHEL TROUP.

#### Maple Grove, Ind.

The work at Maple Grove is still moving along and making some progress. We began our revival December 28, and brother A. S. Menaugh came to our aid Jan. 6 and preached for us two weeks. We had meeting only at night and Brother White and Menaugh visited during the day not only among the Brethren but going to those who knew not God and urging them to return to the Father's fold. We had a good meeting, good interest from the start. Immediate results 10 accessions during the meeting and one the following Sunday. Four of these came from the G. B. and there are others who were very near the kingdom and feel that they will unite with us in the near future.

The people of Maple Grove will ever remember our dear Brother Menaugh for his many wise admonitions to the church, and for his untiring efforts for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Brother White will give us half of his time the coming year, instead of one fourth time. We have never had services here more than once a month, but we want to grow and must have some